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Reply to Office Action of July 2, 2003

Docket No. K-018

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-49 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure is provided.

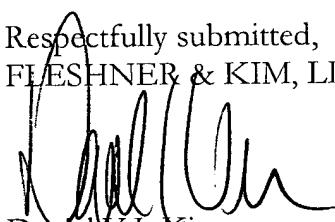
The Office Action objects to the Abstract. The attached substitute Abstract obviates the grounds for objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Applicant filed an Appeal Brief on December 2, 2003. The Appeal Brief sets forth grounds that the outstanding rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 should be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, David C. Oren, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made for entry of this amendment to the Abstract as well as any other matter for this application. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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